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A "THANK YOU" OWED TO SEVERAL PEOPLE:

This month's newsletter has been generated as a result of at least three people sending in material. To these people, I owe a huge 'Thank you'.

Jerry Remick has provided his yearly update of prices and designs from Canadian and American 'wooden nickel' makers of Christmas and Hanukkah woods. Jerry has provided this material for every year that I have been editor, and it is very much appreciated. Get your orders in as soon as possible thus giving the wood makers lots of time to make and deliver your woods. Thank you, Jerry.

David 'Rusty' Phillips of Port Alberni, British Columbia has responded to my appeal for material and has sent along an article on the "Vic Price Realty" wood (page six). I had the opportunity to meet David at the recent Canadian Numismatic Association convention in Vancouver this past July. David indicated that this wood discovery was the result of research and work on producing a booklet of 'Tokens, Trade Dollars and other Numismata of the Alberni Valley' Other articles relating to this may appear in the future. Many thanks, David.

You will also notice that our free wood this month, the "McLean Mill National Historic Site" wood, has been provided by the Alberni Valley Coin Club.

Lou Vesh has, once again, provided another of his always interesting "My Wooden Nickel's Worth" articles (page three). Lou is also a member who can always be relied on to offer interesting anecdotes regarding wooden nickels he makes himself or discoveries he makes on his travels. I always look forward to Lou's articles. Thank you, Lou. Please note the update at the bottom of Lou's article.

NEXT NEWSLETTER:

The next 'Timber Talk' will probably be the *December 2002* issue, at which time, **all "free woods"** accumulated for this year **will be mailed** to those members for whom I hold the woods for once a year delivery.

In the meantime, if you are having a *Christmas wood* made, please *send it along to me*, or a picture copy of it, so that I can show it, along with any other details, in a future newsletter.

As well, a reminder, I'm sure is appropriate at this time, to all members to *get your annual renewal in to our membership chairman, Al Munro*. See the bottom of page two for details.

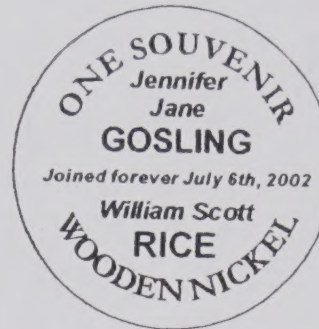
FOR SALE:

One hundred different Canadian 'wooden nickels', of my choice, for \$25.00 Canadian, plus the cost of the postage and handling.

Write to **Bob Brown**, P.O. Box 124, Highspire, PA, 17034 or call (717) 944- 9586 before 9:00 p.m. You can also send me your want list. Woods will be priced at 50 cents and up.

NEW WOOD:

Dan Gosling of Edmonton, Alberta had this wood struck to recognize the wedding of his daughter 'Jennifer Jane'. I became aware of this wood while attending this past summer's Canadian Numismatic Association convention in Vancouver, at which time, Dan indicated to me, that he had no more woods left to give out. The wood is red both sides.

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 Youth (16 years of age and under): \$5.00

Dues paid to Mr. Al Munro, Box 2643 Stn. 'M', Calgary, AB, Canada T2P 3C1

FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH

The *Alberni Valley Coin Club* of British Columbia, has provided this month's free wood. This wood, the '*McLean Mill National Historic Site*' was highlighted in considerable detail in the *January 2001* issue of 'Timber Talk'.

The wood was produced to recognize the grand opening of the above site on July 1st, 2000. The 'site' side of the wood is blue in colour and the 'Coin Club' side is red in colour. Many thanks to the Alberni Valley Coin Club for providing this wood for all members.

MY WOODEN NICKEL'S WORTH..... by Lou Vesh

The evolution of the Haliburton/Stanhope Airport wooden nickel shown at right began several months ago en route home from a lodge meeting. I was traveling with a neighbor who, in conversation, lamented that the speaker he had lined up for the breakfast on the upcoming Saturday had to cancel. With only three days left, he was desperate for a replacement. "Can't help you there", sez I. But it wasn't that easy. Once I mentioned that my only forte was wooden nickels, he jumped on it. So I wound up giving a 20 minute talk on the topic of wooden money. Each person got a freebie, I got a breakfast, and we all went home happy.



But then, this being a small community, the word soon got around to the attention of the local airport manager. He came knocking at my door, introduced himself, and expressed his enthusiasm at the possibility of a wooden nickel as a promotion for the airport. Well, I did my best to convince him that I was not in the "business" of making woods, and that I made them only for my own trading activities as a hobby. He wouldn't buy it. So I designed the wood as best I could according to his sketches and came up with the above result. The plane is red with blue printing and a gold date, and the other side has black printing on the perimeter, with the "\$1.00 off" printed in holographic blue. The code "CND4" is the Department of Transport designation for that particular airport. They plan to give them out to flying customers who buy gas and whatever else they may provide. According to a blurb in the Minden Times Newspaper they are also for sale as souvenirs. At the time of this writing I am unable to learn whether any are available, as the airport manager is away on course. After the "fall colours fly-in" I will make inquiries as to the current status of the woods and report to the Editor for publishing in a later issue of Timber Talk.

UPDATE: Lou has informed me that this wooden nickel has caused quite an unbelievable buzz within the community and around the Haliburton/Stanhope Airport resulting in **no more being available to collectors.**

A fall colour fly-in was held on Sun. Oct. 6th and the airport manager reported to Lou that the last of the woods was given out at that time. A picture of the wood that appeared in the local 'Minden Times' newspaper, no doubt helped to promote the 'give away' of the wood. Because of the popularity of this year's promotion, Lou will now probably have to make another wood for next year's fall colour fly-in.

YEAR 2002 PERSONALIZED CHRISTMAS AND HANUKKAH WOODEN NICKELS:*by Jerry Remick*

Presented here are the details on ordering **2002 Christmas and Hanukkah wooden nickels** recently supplied to me by four 'wood' printers.

Contact any of the 'wood' printers you wish for their brochure showing designs, colours, shapes, sizes and price data. Order soon as it takes time to print and the mails can be slow.

Your personal reverse side of your wood can include your name, municipality, year 2002, and a short greeting or 'wooden nickel'.

When mailing round woods, make sure they are packaged well with extra padding for protection from the post office machinery otherwise they will arrive broken. Flat woods fare better in the mail.

Canadian printers use the hot-stamped process with bright, metallic colours printed on the woods from a thin foil paper. United States printers use coloured inks to print their woods.

CANADA WIDE WOODS: - General Delivery, Gadshill, ON, Can., N0K 1J0, tel. (519) 271-3352 (Larry Walker) offers three designs for the obverse of their 2 x 3 inch laminated flat woods, consisting of light maple on one side and dark walnut on the other side. Only the maple side is printed by hot stamp using bright foil colours. The issuer chooses one colour for the design and one colour for his name etc.

The three designs are: a large Christmas tree with wrapped gifts around the bottom; four wrapped Christmas gifts; a sign pointing to the North Pole. On the first two designs is printed 'Merry Christmas' while on the third design is printed 'Season's Greetings'.

One hundred flats, exclusive of postage, are \$68.00 Can. or \$45.00 U.S. A magnet can be attached to the walnut side for an additional 7 cents each. This is a first for this type of wood.

NORM BELSTEN: - 86 Hamilton drive, Newmarket, ON, Can., L3Y 3E8, tel. (905) 868-9187 for this year only is able to make Christmas woods for only those who ordered from him last year.

OLD TIME WOODEN NICKEL CO.: - Attn. Herb Hornug, P.O. Box 18362, San Antonio, Texas 78218-0362, tel. (800) 750-9915 and (877) 464-2535 and fax (210) 832-8965 offers 19 designs for Christmas for 1.5 and 2 inch round woods, one with a Spanish greeting, one with a New Year's greeting and one for Hanukkah.

Both sides are printed in the same colour (blue, black, green or red). A different colour for the second side is \$8.00 extra.

-1.5 inch woods are priced: 100/\$33, 250/\$46, and 500/\$62

- 2 inch woods are priced: 100/\$59, 250/\$83, and 500/\$114

There is no charge for custom set-up of the sender's personal data on the reverse side.

Shipping is \$8.75 for up to 500 woods for U.S. residents and \$19 per 500 woods for Canadian.

All above prices are U.S. funds. Visa, Master Card and Discover are accepted.

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JERRY LEDET: - Bayou Products Co., Box 1117, Thiboudoux, Louisiana, 70302, tel. (504) 447-8472 and fax (504) 447-8474 has eight standard designs for 1.5 inch round Christmas woods and an attractive design for Hanukkah illustrated in his brochure.

Jerry offers one of his standard holiday designs for one side of a 1.5 inch round wood and the sender's personal data on the other side with a maximum of 80 characters and spaces at the following rates:

- 100 woods for \$24.00 plus \$2.50 for shipping for U.S. residents and \$2.90 for Canadian.
- 250 woods for \$29.00 plus \$3.00 for shipping for U.S. residents and \$5.50 for Canadian.

There is no extra charge for the side with the sender's name and other data.

From a selection of six colours of ink, the issuer may choose one for both sides of their woods. If a different colour is desired for the second side, there is an additional charge of \$7.50.

All above prices are in U.S. funds.

JOHN LAWRENCE: - 25 North Wayne Ave., West Haverstraw, New York, 10993, tel. (845) 429-2802 makes personalized holiday wood flats on 1/32 inch thick balsa wood in 5 different sizes.

Three colours of ink are used on both sides, with the issuer choosing the colours.

John illustrates 58 obverse designs for Christmas and Hanukkah wood flats and 11 holiday verses for the reverse side in his six- page brochure.

The price for the *minimum order* of 100 wood flats is as follows:

- 2 x 2.25 inch flats (\$22.75)
- 2 x 3 inch flats (\$31.75)
- 2 x 4 inch flats (\$37.75)
- 3 x 4 inch flats (\$43.75) and
- 3 x 5.5 inch flats (\$63.75)

Postage is extra. There is no extra charge for your name and address on the reverse side or your own verse.

Also available are long, flat wooden sticks, three-fifths inches wide by 6 inches long, that resemble tongue depressors used by doctors.

Two lines of text on one side with the value "5 cents", if desired, at each end, all in two colours, are available at: 25 pieces for \$5.50 to 100 pieces for \$15.50. Postage is extra.

John originated this type of wood.

All above prices are in U.S. dollars.

ALBERNI VALLEY, BRITISH COLUMBIA WOODS:

by David (Rusty) Phillips

In 1990, to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Alberni Valley Coin Club, a booklet entitled "Tokens, Trade Dollars and other Numismatica of the Alberni Valley" was produced by a club committee (of which I was a member).

At that time, only two woods were identified and included in the booklet by the Committee.

Since then, a number of other local woods have either 'surfaced' or have been produced. One that has surfaced is as follows:

Vic Price Realty of Port Alberni

The owner/proprietor, Mr. Vic Price was contacted by the Club in 1995 and asked for details of the issue, eg; how many made, why they were made, who made them, etc., etc. It should be noted that Vic Price Realty had long since closed out it's business and the owner had moved to another town, some one hundred miles away.

So, to the best of Mr. Price's recollection, the wood was produced in 1965-1966, as a novelty give away. He believes there were 5000 produced, but did not recollect by whom they were made.

When I was viewing the few samples I was able to obtain, I became aware that, in fact, there are two different denominations, eg; a **wooden dollar** and a **wooden nickel**.

They both have a common reverse, eg; Port Alberni, Vic Price Realty Ltd.

The obverses are decidedly different, eg; the Dollar, comes with the left-facing Liberty Head, and the nickel comes with a comedy, right-facing Indian Brave Head (see woods pictured here).

The nickel seems to be the rarest of the two types as only one has 'surfaced' to date, and is in the collection of the *Alberni Valley Coin Club*.



Common Reverse

